## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> method of promoting commerce comprising: using a regional metropolitan industry-to-industry Internet electronic commerce website to update technical coefficients in a regional econometric input-output model.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising continuously updating said electronic commerce website.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein using a regional metropolitan industry-to-industry Internet electronic commerce website comprises accepting orders from industries through the website.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein using a regional metropolitan industry-to-industry Internet electronic commerce website comprises tracking transactions between industries on the website.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising establishing an industry-to-industry electronic commerce website for a particular region.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising converting transaction data derived from said tracking into a regional input-output matrix of technical coefficients.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording transactions that occur between businesses on the electronic website.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising identifying new businesses in new industrial sectors based on said tracking.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising monitoring said new businesses in a specific region.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising storing inter-industrial purchase and sales transaction data on a temporary basis in a website host computer.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising collecting and storing data from single transactions between firms on a temporary basis on the website host computer.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising transmitting data from the website host computer on a plurality of businesses in a plurality of sectors to a computer database.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising collecting, storing, aggregating and analyzing data on multiple transactions that occur over a fixed time interval stored in said computer database.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising allowing single buyers and single sellers to meet and negotiate terms and conditions of a transaction on said website.

- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising tracking transactions entered into as a result of said allowing single buyers and single sellers to meet and negotiate terms and conditions of a transaction on said website.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising allowing multiple buyers and multiple sellers to post fixed prices for fixed quantities to consummate a transaction on said website.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising tracking transactions entered into as a result of allowing multiple buyers and multiple sellers to post fixed prices for fixed quantities to consummate a transaction on said website.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising allowing an auction exchange market to occur on said website.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 18 further comprising tracking transactions entered into as a result of said allowing an auction exchange market to occur on said website.
- 20. (Withdrawn) A computerized system for tracking regional economic activity comprising:

a computer hosting a website and being accessible by a plurality of computers remotely positioned from said computer;

said website forming a business to business e-commerce platform through which companies in a given region may buy and sell from one another through said plurality of computers; and

software associated with said computer that tracks transactions entered into via said website and collates information derived from said transactions to form a regional transaction matrix to determine how regional inter-industry trading relationships are changing over time.

- 21. (Withdrawn) A method of generating a technical coefficient matrix for an economy comprising: monitoring sales transactions conducted through an internet web site and extracting price and quantity information from the sales transactions and producing a technical coefficient matrix based on said internet transactions.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein the sales transactions monitored are from a regional economy.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein the technical coefficient matrix produced is based on a regional input-output model.
- 24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 including continuing to update the technical coefficient matrix based on continuing transactions conducted through the internet web site.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21 wherein the sales transactions monitor include offers to sell.